Release of monkeys in NIV, PUNE by animal activists

2674. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some animal activists forcibly released monkeys meant for research in the National Institute of Virology, Pune;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the monkeys infected with different disease agents may posa a danger to public health; and

(c) if so, the preventive measures Government propose to take in the interest of public health?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) A total of 37 research monkeys were taken away for rehabilitation from National Institute of Virology, Pune by Animal activist group under instructions from Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA).

(b) and (c) all the monkeys are tested before conducting experiments on them and also after the experiments and before their rehabilitation.

Supply of adulterated milk in Delhi

2675. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the supply of lakh of litres of adulterated, sub-standard milk in Delhi by the organised and unorganized sectors endangering the health of the people;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Government of NCT of Delhi have informed that as per the available data it is not correct that adulterated milk in large quantities is being sold in Delhi. However, instruction has been issued to the Food Inspectors to be vigilant and